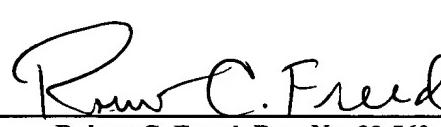




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Invention: TONNEAU COVER END PLATE SECURING MECHANISM HAVING A RADIAL ENGAGING SURFACE						
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	<b>24</b>	MINUS	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$ 36.00</b>
INDEP. CLAIMS	<b>4</b>	MINUS	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$42</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004 to and through September 24, 2004, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <input type="checkbox"/> one month (\$55) <input type="checkbox"/> three months (\$475) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> five months (\$1,005) <input type="checkbox"/> two months (\$210) <input type="checkbox"/> four months (\$740)						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						
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<u>September 24, 2004</u>		 <u>Robert C. Freed, Reg. No. 32,569</u>				
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Actions mailed August 27, 2003 and March 24, 2004,  
for the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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